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Thompson Recalled For Talks on Soviet

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President Kennedy yesterday moved to fill additional top posts in his Administration and to prepare further specific recommendations to Congress on foreign and domestic policies.

To prepare himself for a possible meeting with Soviet Premier Nikita S. Khrushchev, the President called home Llewellyn Thompson, Ambassador to Russia, for consultations "on all aspects of Soviet-American relations."

The President announced that Thompson would continue to be the United States Ambassador in Moscow.

Reports persisted that Khrushchev would come to the

United Nations for the session of the General Assembly which reconvenes March 7.

Among yesterday's presidential appointments were these:

* Sterling M. McMurtin, 47, professor of philosophy and

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academic vice president of the University of Utah, to be Commissioner of Education.

* Harold Francis Lindet, 60, formerly Assistant Secretary

of State, to be president of the Export-Import Bank.

The President's first activity on a busy day was to confer with his legislative leaders and make known his decision to send two economic messages to Congress in the next few days.

A message on the state of the economy will go to Congress Thursday outlining the Administration's proposals for dealing with the recession.

On Monday, the President will outline in another message his program for dealing with the gold and international balance of payments problems.

To prepare these messages, the President has planned a meeting this morning with Budget Director David E. Bell, Walter Heller, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, James Tobin, a Council member, Robert R. Roosa, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Policy, and Theodore C. Sorensen, the President's special counsel.

The legislative leaders said as many as 10 special messages might be sent to Congress in the next month dealing with farm policy, education, medical care for the aged, foreign economic policy, housing, governmental reorganization and other Administration proposals.

Mr. Kennedy met yesterday with a group of farm advisers to receive four task force reports on agriculture.

News Session Delayed

Because of a scheduled meeting at 10 a. m. today of the National Security Council—the first the new President has held—he postponed his news conference until 4 p. m. It will be televised and broadcast live.

In announcing that Ambassador Thompson would return to Washington about Feb. 6, White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger said Mr. Kennedy wanted the Ambassador "first-hand observations and reports on the Soviet scene."

Salinger emphasized that the Ambassador's return did

not come as the result of any secretaries' trials and that he would return to his post after his consultations with President Kennedy and Secretary of State.

During the day, the President conferred with Ogden R. Field, who has just resigned as Ambassador to Israel.

The President invited to his office Wayne Grover, Archivist of the United States, and Karl Trever, special assistant to the Archivist, to thank them for the help they have given him in caring for the files he accumulated over 14 years in Congress.

Bank Roster Completed

Grover said the President was extremely gracious "in thanking a couple of obscure archivists when so much is on his mind."

"The President knows that history is written from scratch," Grover said, "and he appreciates the importance of keeping papers and having them well kept."

In addition to naming Linder president of the Export-Import Bank, the President completed the bank's roster by naming Charles Minor Meriwether, 50, of Alabama, a director, and reappointing Thomas Killifer as vice chairman and James Bush as director. Former Gov. George Docking of Kansas completes the five-man board.

The President conferred late yesterday with Jerome Wiesner, his special assistant for science and technology. Wiesner was asked to attend today's National Security Council meeting.

Government information officials conferred at the White House with two members of the House Committee on Freedom of Information.

Rep. John Moss (D-Calif.), chairman of the watchdog committee, told reporters he was convinced that Kennedy Administration officials were working on a program "aimed at freeing the flow of information."

Also present were Rep. Daniel Bassett (D-Fla.), press

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secretary Salinger, Assistant Secretary of State Roger Tisbury, Assistant Defense Secretary Arthur Sylvester, George E. Reedy of Vice President Johnson's staff, Thomas Sorenson of the U. S. Information Agency, and Stanley J. Goran of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The two Congressmen were invited to receive a fill-in Administration policy on the release of information to Congress and the public. Salinger told reporters the meeting was "mutually helpful."